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Deny tickets to candidates with criminal antecedents

Supreme Court asks Election Commission to prepare framework within a week to curb criminalisation of politics

New Delhi, Jan. 25 (UNI&Agencies)- The Election Commission of India (ECI) told the Supreme Court that the direction asking poll candidates to declare their criminal antecedents in the media has not helped curb criminalisation of politics, and said political parties should be asked not to give tickets to those with criminal background.

Despite the Apex Court's direction in 2018, criminalisation of politics is going on and some alternative mechanisms have to be found, the ECI said. A Bench of Justices R.F. Nariman and S. Ravindra Bhat asked the Poll Panel to come up with a framework within one week which can help curb criminalisation of politics in the nation's interest.

The ECI suggested that instead of publishing criminal cases, political parties should be asked not to give tickets to candidates with criminal history. "We need to cure the malignancy of criminalisation of politics by making a law to ensure that persons facing serious criminal cases do not enter the political arena as the polluted stream of politics needs to be cleansed," the ECI said.

The Bench asked BJP leader and advocate-petitioner Ashwini Upadhyay and the ECI to sit together and come up with suggestions which would help curb criminalisation of politics. "This is a matter of national importance. You come out with a framework along with the petitioner. We will do something," the Bench told the ECI and the petitioner.

(See TICKETS on page 13)

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Economic *empowerment*

In the face of the country's economy being bestowed focussed attention by analysts both globally and nationally, steadily witnessing the much disturbing slowdown due to many factors resulting in the verdict of the annual rate of increase of gross domestic product at 4.8 percent over earlier periods against the target of more than 7.5 percent, the task of empowering the land's underemployed sections in the population needs to be pursued on a war-footing. The measure of creating skill enhancing centres, particularly for the educated youth and women engaged on various traditional trades to facilitate substantial rise in their income, under the aegis of the Central Government and some State Governments, including Karnataka is a good beginning, reminding one of the idiom *well-begun is half-done.* If the often expressed rating of India's engineering graduates as far below suitability for jobs in industrial establishments needs to be raised, the graduates are to be diverted from taking up vulnerable jobs with uncertain incomes and their years of training facilitated to blossom into creating a vibrant workforce.

Resources have been spent over years on a colossal scale in establishing institutions of education in engineering, management and commerce streams across the country, steadily swelling the backlog of unemployed educated youth. The advisory sourced to some achievers in industry points to creating conditions in which the workforce biding time seeking employment in city environs are enabled to use their knowledge on the farms, transforming agriculture to a rewarding calling.

Most of the problems bugging the land's people having their origins in blunders committed due to lack of vision on the part of policy-makers in successive Governments, timely introspection and will to do course correction may help in taking the economy on track. Addressing the problems by both stakeholders and stockholders, particularly plastic menace, encroaching water bodies, lawlessness, garbage disposal, pollution reduction and so on seem to be going on in fits and jerks, compounded by steady expansion of the country's population, to address which issue nobody has any pragmatic plan.

According to the recently published Global Social Mobility Report of World Economic Forum, more than three-fourths of India's workforce is engaged on vulnerable employment without minimum wage, social security and proper working conditions, urging nations, including India, to act on economic empowerment of workforce, including women marked by low labour participation rate. India's corporates have their task cut out in regulating the overuse of resource-guzzling technologies and adopting resource-conserving ones.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

One of the most often shared WhatsApp messages in the past few years is the shrill cry about the shrinking Hindu population in India. The 2011 Census puts the Muslim population at 17.22 crore, or 14.22 percent. The Hindu population grew in the decade of 1991-2011 at the rate of 1.55 percent, while the Muslim population growth rate was 2.2 percent. The fear about Hindus becoming a minority in India has the basis in this statistics. However, in the decade from 1991-2001, the growth rate of Hindu population was 1.8 percent and that of Muslims were 2.6 percent. The decline in the growth rate for Hindus was 0.25 percent and that for Muslims was 0.4 percent. This is because of increasing literacy among all groups.

— Anand Neelakantan in The New Sunday Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fish that looks like real-life painting

Tokyo: A Japanese student has uploaded a picture of a small fish he had caught on Twitter, where it quickly went viral because of the fish looked like a real-life painting.

The fish with unusually large eyes, and blue-ish scales of various shapes and sizes instantly caught people's attention. Taking a good look at it, it's easy to see why people started referring to it as "Picasso Fish", and sharing the picture on various social networks. Eventually, the photo was picked up by Japan's Fuji Television, which consulted experts about the creature and learned that it was actually a rather common deep-sea fish with a rather striking appearance.

According to Japanese deep-sea experts, the 'Picasso Fish' is actually a specimen of Polyipnus matsubarai, a species living in the northwestern Pacific Ocean, including Japan and the Philippines.

Man steals speaker to get arrested and avoid getting married

Shangai: A young man from Shanghai, China, who was due to marry his girlfriend, suddenly realised he didn't want to spend the rest of his life with her, so he devised a plan to make sure he didn't have to.

The man, surnamed Chen, could have just told his partner that he had had a change of heart, but he couldn't break himself to do that, so he came up with a strategy that he hoped would make the girl break up with him – he became a petty criminal and got himself arrested on purpose for stealing a bluetooth speaker from a dance studio.

Social status and reputation are very important in Chinese society, so Chen thought to himself that his bride-to-be and her family would be so disappointed by the news that he had been arrested for theft that they would cancel the wedding arrangements, allowing him to walk away with a guilt-free conscious.

Chen is still in police custody, but will likely not remain there for too long on account of such a minor offence.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How many of our calories come from high fructose corn syrup?

Fructose makes up 10 % of the American diet. The average American consumes the equivalent of a 16-OZ soft drink per day. That works out to about 50 gallons per year. Is it any wonder that Americans are becoming diabetic in record numbers?

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Mridanga Vidwan M.R. Rajappa Memorial Concert from Jan. 27

Mysuru, Jan. 25 - In memory of Asthana Vidwan of Mysore Palace, Mridanga Vidwan M.R. Rajappa, the 10th Annual M.R. Rajappa Memorial Music Concert has been organised at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium from Jan. 27 to Jan. 29.

Vidwan Dr. B.S. Vijayaraghavan will inaugurate the event on Jan. 27 at 5.30 pm. Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji will preside.

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Prof. K. Ramamurhy Rao, Mridanga Vidwan Sainatha and Rajappa's son Vid. M.R. Ravindra will be the chief guests. At 6.15 pm, internationally acclaimed violinist Dr. Manjunath and M. Karthik will present a violin concert. The accompanists include Vid. Dr. M.R. Hanumantharaju on mridanga, Vid. M.R. Chandrashekar on ghata, Vid M.R. Manjunath on khanjira, Vid. M.S. Jayaram on tabla and Vid. R. Dasappa on morching.

On Jan. 28 at 5.30 pm, music concert by Vidushi Bhargavi Venkataram of Bengaluru has been organised. She will be accompanied by Vid. Dr. Hanumanthraju on mridanga, Vid. M.S. Jayaram on ghata, Vid. M.R. Chandrashekar on tabla, Vid. R. Dasappa on morching and Vid. M.R. Lakshmikanth on Khanjira. Retired High Court Judge Arali Nagaraj, KSRP Commandant R. Janardhan, art patron Dr. Krishnegowda and others will be present.

On Jan. 29, Ranjani and Sruthi Ranjani will present a vocal duet accompanied by Vid. Dr. Hanumantharaju on mridanga, Vid. M.R. Chandrashekar on ghata, Vid. M.R. Srikanta on tabla, Vid. M.R. Lakshmikanth on talavadya and Vid. M.S. Jayaram on Khanjira.

This will be followed by Fusion Music by Sri Saraswathi Vadya Vrunda; percussion by M.R. Rajappa's children and disciples at 7.15 pm. Shanthaveera Maha Swamiji of Kolada Mutt, Retired High Court Judge Arali Nagaraj and District In-charge Minister V. Somanna will be present.

Really...?

- ***The original oranges from Southeast Asia were a tangerine-pomelo hybrid and they were actually green. In fact, oranges in warmer regions like Vietnam and Thailand still stay green through maturity. For more interesting facts, find out which "orange" came first: the colour or the fruit.***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos to honest auto driver

Sir,

A few days ago, one of my friends suddenly realised that she couldn't find her mobile phone. As usual, the opinion was that if it was left behind in the autorickshaw, she wasn't going to find it or get it back. So she went to block the number with the service provider.

In the meantime, we tried calling her number and the phone was switched off. Sometime later I received a message saying this number was ready to receive calls. I called immediately and a gentleman received the call. He was the driver of the auto she had travelled in. He was concerned that someone had dropped the phone in the auto and he didn't know whose it was. After the identity was established, he said he would come to Vijayanagar from JP Nagar and return it. All he wanted in exchange was the auto fare.

Auto driver Madhu brought the mobile soon after and returned it to the owner. Such people and actions reinforce faith in a society where trust is almost absent today. *Thanks Madhu !*

—A happy citizen

Mysuru
20.1.2020

Study impact of thermal drones on wildlife

Sir,

This refers to the news item ***"Thermal drones to battle wildfires at Nagarahole"*** (*SOM* dated Jan.22). Thermal drones to be deployed to detect wildfires and adopt instant preventive steps is a new addition which may go a long way in controlling wildfires. Hope these drones could be used to detect poachers and also watch over violation of forest rules by visitors etc. But the impact of the use of drones, its sound etc., deserves to be studied to ensure that it does not disturb the wildlife in any way.

—A.K. Shariff

Gayathripuram 23.1.2020

Free repair of hearing aids at AIISH from Jan. 27 to 31

Mysuru, Jan. 25- The Department of Electronics, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, is organising a five-day camp for free repair of hearing aids from Jan. 27 to 31 between 9.30 am and 4 pm at the Institute premises.

In this camp, any individual with hearing aid can walk in and get his hearing aid serviced and repaired free of cost, the replacement of spares would also be done free of cost. The camp will have repair counters setup by all the major suppliers of hearing aids in the country. All hearing aid users are requested to make use of this opportunity.

The inaugural function of this camp is scheduled for 9.30 am on Monday in the quadrangle in front of Department of Electronics. P. V. Sneha, Additional Superintendent of Police and Dr. Seethalakshmi, AYUSH District Officer, will inaugurate the camp. Dr. M. Pushpavathi Director, AIISH, will preside. For details contact Mob: 98441-81080.

121st birth anniversary of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa

Cariappa

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Kodava Samaja, Mysuru, is celebrating the 121st birth anniversary of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa on Jan. 28 at 8.30 am at the Circle named after him in city (previously Metropole Circle). The members will offer floral tribute to the bust of Field Marshal. The Kodavas residing in city, Defence personnel and general public are requested to join in large numbers, according to a press release from Samaja President K.M. Belliappa.

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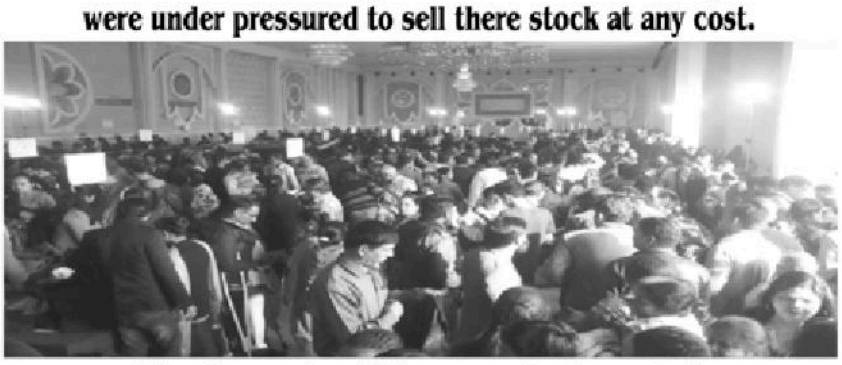

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pre-budget meeting

Ahead of the presentation of 2020-21 budget, the Nanjangud City Municipal Council (CMC) has convened a public meeting at Nanjangud town's Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan at 11 am on Jan.28. Members of the public, associations and organisations, media representatives, people representatives can take part and put forward their suggestions.

Ashraya beneficiaries asked to submit documents

With the MCC deputing officials to collect records from the temporarily selected 2,446 beneficiaries of Ashraya Houses at Mandakalli, coming under Chamundeshwari assembly segment, the MCC Commissioner has asked all the beneficiaries to submit the relevant records and documents.

'Ranga baanuli'

Rangayana, in association with Mysuru Akashavani's Prasarbharathi, will be holding a special event 'Ranga Baanuli' at Rangayana's Sriranga Vedike at 6.30 pm on Jan.28. A radio drama titled 'Education Yedavattu,' scripted for Akashavani by E.R. Ramachandran and Prabhuswamy Malimath will be staged. The radio drama will be followed by an interaction. Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and senior writer E.R. Ramachandran will be the guests of honour. For details, call Ph: 0821-2512639/2415905.

Hotel Management training prog.

The Food Craft Institute, Mysuru, under its skill development training programme, has organised a free short-term Hotel Management training programme for unemployed youth (men and women). Training will be provided in food production and distribution, lodge management as well as skill test and certification course in bakery. Interested may submit their applications along with necessary documents at Food Craft Institute, Mysore Dasara Exhibition Grounds in city. For details, call Ph: 0821-2974388 or 6362018821.

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'Indian Muslims need not worry about CAA'

- BJP National Organising General Secretary B.L. Santhosh allays fears about Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)
- Says no one can snatch away citizenship of minorities; targets Opposition for smear campaign and disinformation

Mysuru, Jan.25 (SBD&BCT)- BJP National Organising General Secretary Bommarabettu Laxmijanardhana Santhosh, better known as B.L. Santhosh has dispelled fears about the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) Act saying that no one, including the BJP, can snatch away the citizenship of minorities, which is guaranteed under the Constitution.

Addressing a public meeting on 'CAA: An analysis', organised by Mysuru City and District BJP at Mysore Medical College Platinum Jubilee Hall, on J.K. Grounds in city last evening, Santhosh hit out at Left and other Opposition parties and some intellectuals for carrying out a malicious and mischievous campaign against Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Government and the CAA. "Muslims need not worry as there will be absolutely no infringement on their rights or citizenship," he clarified.

"The protests are a conspiracy of the Opposition and vested interests to defame the PM and India. Misinformation spreads easily. But the truth will prevail. The non-BJP Governments kept several problems hanging since 70 years due to political reasons and to strengthen their respective vote-banks. Now, the Opposition parties blame the BJP for their follies," he said.

BJP National Organising General Secretary B.L. Santhosh seen addressing the gathering in city yesterday.

Nothing to do with Muslims

"The CAA is not meant for people born and brought up in India and is an Act bestowing citizenship and dignity on the persecuted religious minorities from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. It is a Constitutional, cultural and historical obligation and has nothing to do with the Indian Muslims or other minority groups," he added.

"The protests and the narratives against the CAA is the biggest disinformation campaign being floated by the Opposition with the help of Leftists and so-called intellectuals. They have built a strong network and this is reflected in the serial protests in cities and the editorials in the media. But the BJP is determined to fight it out and is confident of riding out the storm," he said.

"We are not worried about the protests. Only a section of Muslims, intellectuals and ultra-Leftists have taken to the streets spreading fear that people's Aadhaar card and other benefits will be withdrawn. We are speaking to Muslim clerics and people from the community across the country to clear the air," he added.

Rahul Gandhi mum

"BJP President J.P. Nadda has challenged Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to speak 10 sentences on the CAA. But there is no reply. Mainstream Congress leaders are keeping away from the protests. They are limiting themselves to addressing media conferences and tweeting. They know that the issue will boomerang," he opined.

Referring to the 1950 pact signed by the Indian and Pakistani Governments to protect the interests of minorities in both countries and to ensure dignity of life, employment and property, Santhosh said the BJP Government is only fulfilling its constitutional obligations.

Benefits to Dalits

"The Hindu population which was 23 percent in 1947 is now reduced to just 3.7 percent in Pakistan over the decades after partition. **As per a rough estimate, 68 percent of CAA beneficiaries would be the people of SC and ST communities including Valmiki, Bhovis and Megawali. But the BJP is being projected as anti-Dalit, anti-poor and anti-Muslim by vested interests.** Truth will prevail and people will understand who is working to uphold the Constitution and law. The resolution passed against the CAA in a few State Assemblies has no value. It is a one-day joy for Kerala and Punjab," he said.

MP Pratap Simha, City BJP President B.H. Manjunath, District President M. Shivanna, State Secretary M. Rajendra and Mysuru District In-charge M.V. Ravishankar were present on the dais.

'Border disputes and Cauvery row will be resolved'

After cracking the tough nut of Article 370 and Triple Talaq, the Narendra Modi-led BJP Government will solve Belagavi border issue between Karnataka and Maharashtra, Kalasa-Banduri water dispute between Karnataka Goa and Maharashtra and Cauvery River water-sharing dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

"These disputes are posing hurdles in the State and nation's progress path will be solved before the next General Elections," he said.

"People elect Governments to solve their problems. The mandate of the people is not just to enjoy power. Whenever and wherever the BJP was given a mandate, the party has solved long-pending problems," B.L. Santosh added.

Since the re-election of the BJP Government at the Centre, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and the entire Government machinery are involved in solving various problems that were kept pending and those that are hanging in uncertainty, he added.

"A quadripartite pact was signed recently to permanently settle Bru (Reangs) refugees of Mizoram in Tripura, 644 militants surrendered in Assam recently, another 800 militants will surrender shortly, Kashmir was united with India in the true sense, Triple Talaq was criminalised and steps were taken to end the Ram Mandir dispute. Likewise, other problems will also be solved," he assured.

Bollywood actors mocked at for their statements

BJP National Organising General Secretary B.L. Santhosh has slammed actors Naseeruddin Shah, Deepika Padukone and Swara Bhaskar for their stance on CAA. "When the CAA does not even apply to Indian Muslims, who has asked actors Naseeruddin Shah and Swara Bhaskar and politicians C.M. Ibrahim and Zameer Ahmed or others to produce any documents," Santhosh questioned.

Mocking at the actors for their statements that they did not have relevant documents, Santhosh wondered how it was possible for them to procure passports and visas to travel abroad or procure driving licence without documents, and reiterated that the CAA will not ask for any documents from Indian citizens as it meant to bestow citizenship upon persecuted religious minorities.

Deepika Padukone also came under flak for her support to the JNU strike. "Her concern would have been more meaningful if she had visited the parents of Nirbhaya who was sexually assaulted and murdered in Delhi in 2012. Why this selective outrage," he questioned.

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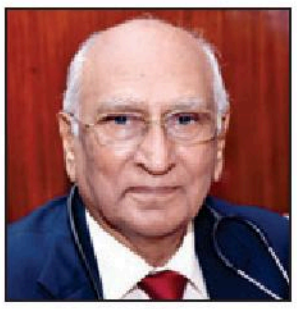
Somnath Temple in Gujarat, The First General Elections, Bharat Ratna to Nehru



By
Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy

Ruins of Somnath Temple in Gujarat.

The reconstructed Somnath Temple.

[Continued from yesterday]

The famous Somnath temple was in Junagadh State (or Junagarh, a Princely State in Gujarat) before Independence and was known for its splendour and wealth. It was first plundered and destroyed by Gazni Mahamood in 1025 and subsequently by many more foreign invaders. After India's Independence and the accession of Junagarh State into Indian Union, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the then Union Home Minister, pledged that Somnath should be reconstructed and restored to its original glory. When Patel broached this subject with Mahatma Gandhi, Gandhiji endorsed the plan but said that the contribution for the reconstruction of the temple should come from the public. Patel accepted this advice. With the demise of Patel, the task of the restoration of the temple was ably led by K.M. Munshi, a Cabinet Minister in the then Prime Minister Nehru's Government.

Nehru never liked the idea of restoring this ancient monument and more than once criticised Munshi for its reconstruction. At the end of a Cabinet meeting, Nehru called Munshi and said: I don't like your trying to restore Somnath. It is Hindu revivalism. Munshi did not utter a word but later wrote to Nehru a long letter saying, "... It is my faith in the past which has given me the strength to work in the present and to look forward to our future. I cannot value freedom if it deprives us of the *Bhagavad Gita* or uproots our millions from the faith with which they look upon our temples and thereby destroys the texture of our lives... this shrine once restored to a place of importance in our life will give to our people a purer conception of religion and a more vivid consciousness of our strength."

When the then President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, was invited to inaugurate the temple, Nehru advised the President "against participating in a significant function which unfortunately has a number of implications." Rajendra Prasad ignored Nehru's advice and added, "I would do the same with a mosque or a church if I were invited." So, on 11th May 1951, Rajendra Prasad, while presiding over the opening ceremony of the temple, gave a stirring speech. He said that "the physical symbols of our civilisation maybe destroyed, but no arms, army or king could destroy the bond that the people had with their culture and faith. Till that bond remained, the civilisation would survive. He added that it was the creative urge for civilisational renewal, nurtured in the hearts of the people through centuries that had once again led to the *"praan-pratishta"* of the Somnath deity. Somnath was the symbol of economic and spiritual prosperity of ancient India, he said. The re-building of Somnath will not be complete till India attains the prosperity of the yesteryear."

The First General Elections and The Presidential Election 1952

The first general elections were held in 1952 and was the first major milestone for the infant Republic. While the world watched sceptically, Indian elections with the universal franchise and the biggest electorate in the world went on peacefully and a democratically elected Government was installed in New Delhi. Congress got a spectacular majority under Nehru's leadership. Nehru had emerged as the undisputed supreme leader of India. After the general elections, new election for election of President was to be held.

Against the wishes of Nehru, the Congress party nominated Rajendra Prasad again for the President. The other parties supported Professor K.T. Shah as they believed that a politically neutral person should occupy the post. Professor Shah was associated with the labour organisations. He had completed his studies at the London School of Economics. Professor Shah was also a member of the First Planning Commission, made under the leadership of Nehru in 1938. In the 1952 elections, the Congress got 364 out of 489 seats. Being a Congress candidate was the only condition to become President of India. Rajendra Prasad got 5,07,400 votes in this election, whereas Shah got only 92,827 votes. An interesting aspect of this election was that 65 MPs and 479 MLAs of Congress did not cast their votes. It was later stated that since Rajendra Prasad's victory was certain, many people did not bother to vote. Nehru in full control of the Congress party after the 1952 elections to Parliament, easily got the Hindu Code Bills passed and President Prasad, as a true democrat, signed those Bills without any protest.

Presidential Election-1957

While he accepted the party's will in 1952, in the elections of 1957, Nehru had the opportunity to elect the President of his own choice. So, this time, his favourite was the first Vice-President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan — who was a philosopher, sanskrit scholar, prolific writer, former professor of east west philosophy in Oxford and a former ambassador to Soviet Union. To the utter disappointment of Nehru, the choice of the Congress party was Rajendra Prasad once again and he was easily elected. Dr. Radhakrishnan was upset and wanted to resign. Nehru changed the order of precedence to placate Radhakrishnan. Previously the order was President, Prime Minister and the Vice-President. He made the Vice-President second, demoting himself to the third position. Dr. Prasad is the only President in Indian history to have occupied Rashtrapati Bhavan for twelve long years.

Bharat Ratna to Nehru

The procedure for awarding the *Bharat Ratna* has been straightforward: The Prime Minister recommends the names to the President of India, who then accepts such nominations. The process under which the Prime Minister or the Cabinet nominates names to the President to confer the *Bharat Ratna* is a convention and not the law of the land. On July 13, 1955, Nehru had returned from a successful tour of European countries and the Soviet Union, a tour aimed at the promotion of peace as the Cold War was rapidly escalating. Nehru's efforts to establish India as a major player in world affairs found popular support outside India. On Nehru's return to Delhi, the then President of India, Rajendra Prasad, went to the airport to receive him, disregarding protocol. He also hosted a special State Banquet on July 15, 1955, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in honour of Nehru. It was at this event that Prasad announced his intention of conferring the *Bharat Ratna* on Nehru. Prasad described Nehru as the 'great architect of peace in our time.' The President himself confessed that he had acted unconstitutionally as he had decided to confer the honour "without any recommendation or advice from my Prime Minister" or the Cabinet.

Contrary to the popular myth, Patel and Nehru were not rivals. Though they disagreed on many issues, they acted as partners in laying the administrative foundations of the infant Republic. Similarly, Rajendra Prasad and Nehru, in spite of strong differences, admired and respected each other. President Prasad was a true Gandhian and believed in simple living. The official salary of the President was Rs. 10,000 per month. But he drew only Rs. 5,000 per month. After he left office in 1962, he did not stay in Delhi, but went to live in Sadaqat Ashram in Patna. He donated all the jewels of his wife to National Defence Fund at the time of war with China. India's highest honour *Bharat Ratna* was conferred on him in 1962. He died on 28th February 1963.

When India attained freedom in 1947, most of the world leaders and western press were pessimistic of its future. They had felt that this multi-ethnic, multi-lingual and multi-religious vast country would break up in ten years. In the first two decades, the young nation faced many challenges like the integration of 565 Princely States, Police action in Hyderabad, Tribal and Pakistani invasion of Kashmir, Chinese war of 1962 and the 1965 war with Pakistan. Time and destiny have proved our detractors wrong. From being one of the poorest countries of the world in 1947, we have progressed to become the world's fifth biggest economy in 73 years. Our Founding Fathers gave us a good Constitution, rule of Law, established Democratic institutions, facilitated a Free Press and allowed an independent Judiciary to function and gave us a vibrant democratic Republic.

On this 71st anniversary of the establishment of The Republic of India, let us bow our heads and pay our tributes to all our Founding Fathers who laid the strong foundations of modern India and pray (borrowing the words of Abraham Lincoln) "that this Nation, under God, and that Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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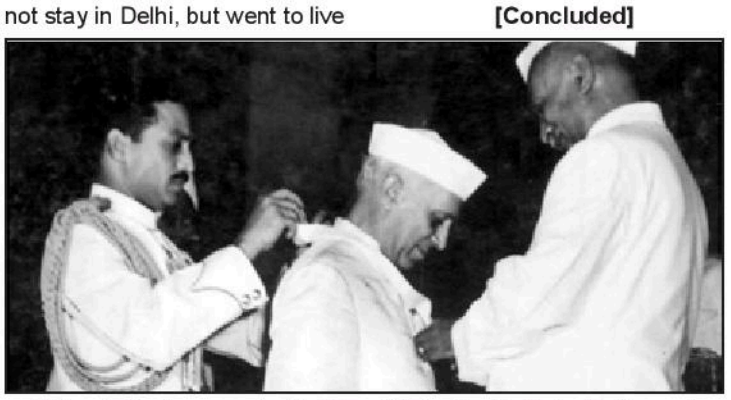

Nehru being honoured with Bharat Ratna by Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

Here's how to track the Coronavirus spread

Online dashboard shows all confirmed, suspected and recovered coronavirus patients, as well as deaths

Beijing, Jan. 25- A never-before-seen virus detected in the Chinese city of Wuhan has claimed at least 41 lives and infected hundreds of Chinese citizens with a pneumonia-like illness.

The virus was first reported to the World Health Organisation (WHO) on Dec. 31 and has been under investigation since. Chinese scientists have linked the disease to a family of viruses known as Coronaviruses, which include the deadly SARS and Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS).

Yesterday, French authorities confirmed three cases inside the country, the first known cases in Europe. The same day, Australia announced its first confirmed case, and the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced a second case in the United States.

Scientists have yet to fully understand the destructive potential of the new virus, known as 2019-nCoV. Researchers and investigators are just beginning to figure out where it originated, how it's transmitted and how far it has spread.

The Center for Systems Science and Engineering has built a tool pulling in data from WHO as well as the CDC control in the US, China and Europe. It shows all coronavirus confirmed suspected and recovered patients and deaths. Here is the website with the dashboard link: https://www.cnet.com/news/heres-how-to-track-the-coronavirus-spread/

Sedition case: Court reserves order on Nalini's bail plea to Jan.27

Mysuru, Jan.25 (RK&DM)- The Second Additional District and Sessions Court, on Friday, reserved its order to Jan.27 on the regular bail plea filed by Nalini Balakumar, who has been booked for sedition after she displayed a 'Free Kashmir' placard during an anti-CAA protest at Manasagangothri recently.

Nalini's bail plea came up for hearing at 11 am on Friday, when Judge Gerald Rudolf Mendonsa deferred the hearing to 3 pm as Public Prosecutor M. Anand Kumar could not appear due to his other judicial engagements. The Judge who heard the arguments in the case at the afternoon session, reserved his order on the bail plea to Jan.27.

With the Mysore Bar Association barring its members from defending Nalini, a team of lawyers from Bengaluru led by Senior advocate C. S. Dwarakanath appeared for Nalini and argued on her behalf.

Nalini had earlier obtained an anticipatory bail, after the Jayalakshmipuram Police registered a *suo moto* sedition case against her.

Obituary

Retired PSI Shivanna

Mysuru, Jan.25- Shivanna(66), a retired Police Sub-inspector (PSI) and a resident of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar in the city, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons, four brothers, a sister and host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here yesterday evening.

Shivanna, who had served at Lashkar, Lakshmipuram, Vidyaranyapuram and other Police Stations in city, had retired from service in 2014.

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Vikram Muthanna

Voters' Day

Today is National Voters' Day and the Election Commission of India has released advertisements asking voters to take a pledge. And that pledge goes like this: *"We, the citizens of India, having abiding faith in democracy, hereby pledge to uphold the democratic traditions of our country and the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections, and to vote in every election fearlessly and without being influenced by considerations of religion, race, caste, community, language or any inducement."*

Well, most voters have done just the opposite of what's stated in the pledge. They have been doing so and will continue to do so because the Indian voter is as corrupt, as casteist, as 'religion-obsessed' and as opportunistic as their politicians.

The Election Commission (EC) should know by now that oaths and pledges have been reduced to just a mundane exercise, ineffective in the face of our misplaced sense of morality.

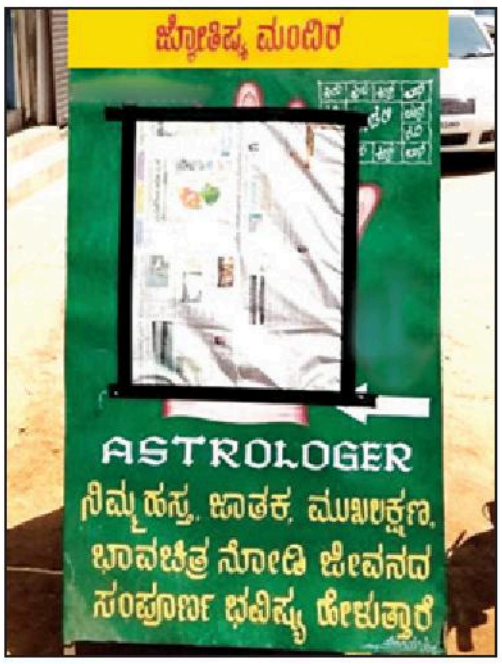
That is why the now controversial JD(U) leader and former bureaucrat of Bihar, Pavan Verma said "The concept of morality, and high-minded principle, is dear to Indians as a theoretical construct, but largely ignored in real life as impractical." Yet we make pledges and take oaths knowing that we will break them proving that we are not only pragmatists, but also hypocrites.

Do we really need pledges and oaths? Has it worked? Be it a doctor, a Policeman, a politician or a lawyer, who follows them? Some may, but most don't.

Even the so-called liberal and educated Indian, when they enter the voting booth to cast their "secret' ballot their innermost fears, prejudices and insecurities manifest. And in a nation where security, healthcare and opportunities are based on reservations, connections and caste certificates, voting happens with a sense of self-interest, not with a sense of 'national interest.'

So everyone wants their "own" people in power, even if he is incompetent or corrupt. That is why in Karnataka, JD(S) may be Secular but their vote base is old Mysore where Vokkaligas are more. That is why Yediyurappa's now defunct KJP won in Lingayat pockets. That is why Rahul Gandhi went to Wayanad, where minorities are more. That is why BJP wins where Hindus are more. And tickets are also distributed accordingly. So no one is Secular and there are hardly any honest voters.

By the way in 2019, Rs. 3,475.76 crore worth of cash, drugs, gold, silver and alcohol were seized by the EC. The break up is: Gold - Rs. 987.11 crore, Cash - Rs. 844 crore, Alcohol - Rs. 304.61 crore and freebies like saree were Rs. 60.15 crore. The rest was Drugs! Yes, the EC seized drugs worth Rs.1,279 crore! In Karnataka the voters preferred mostly alcohol, unlike Punjab where it was drugs.



An Astrologer's standee with hand (palm) symbol masked during the Lok Sabha election last year. Picture right shows new currency notes of different denominations stuffed inside gunny bags, cardboard boxes and big shopping bags, which were seized by Income Tax officials in Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

I think, these days the strategy employed by political parties is, supply drugs and alcohol to the voters of the opposition party so they don't wake up and come to vote. After all, there is a risk that a paid voter may change his mind in the booth, so making sure the opposition voter is drunk or drugged enough not to show up to vote is a good strategy to mitigate that risk, no?

Now the politicians have realised, instead of they spending their own money, they can bribe the voters with the tax-payers money — free cycle, free TV, free saree, free laptop, free electricity, free bus ride, free loan and even free contraceptives!

While the middle class continues to live a life filled with materialistic bliss, a lifetime of EMIs and an over aggressive political stance without having read an election manifesto ever, the politicians and crony capitalists are enjoying the fruits of their labour while the poor sit back and enjoy the freebies thrown at them.

That's why Coimbatore Consumer Cause (CCC), a consumer rights group, in 2011 during the TN elections badgered the EC to initiate steps for acquiring the required power to legally question and stop the announcement of freebies in election manifestos. It didn't work. May be, the EC should respond to such demands more rather than expecting the voter to suddenly read a pledge and turn a new leaf.

The EC, while appealing to the voters to be honest, must stop wasting time, money and personnel on enforcing petty rules. Best example is what happened during the recent elections. I noticed election officers spend almost 15 minutes in front of an astrologer's shop near Nalpak restaurant in Gokulam warning him that if he did not cover that advertisment-stand outside his shop he would be booked for code violation!

Now what was on astrologer's advertising-standee? Obviously, a picture of a palm with various astrological symbols on them. The EC, it seems, felt this would be publicity for Congress party whose symbol is the hand! What next? Remove all the lotus flowers from city lakes as its publicity for BJP and ban women from carrying anything on their head lest it reminds people to vote for JD(S)?

The Election Commission should allow candidates to spend as much as they want while poll officers monitor where the money came from and how it was spent. A first step would be to deal with pre-poll freebie announcements and electoral bonds.

For now, most voters are prejudiced because of their religion and opportunism. This being the case, there is very little that can be done by Election Commission. But for the time being, at least it can try to frame rules to get the urban voter to the voting booth instead of a toll booth, as they make their way out of town for a holiday on an Election Day.

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The Clean Picture

Who will wash your clothes and iron your formals and whites if not these Dhobis? Almost hidden and unnoticed by people, Mysuru has four Dhobi Ghats where families of washer men try to sustain themselves by washing and ironing clothes from dawn to dusk. One can always find them scrubbing and washing clothes and later running around to deliver their clothes on time. Though the clothes that are up for drying presents a Clean Picture, their lives are hard and their workplace presents a Dirty Picture. They work hard in a 12-hour-a-day profession and suffer many health problems as discussed in this *Weekend Star Supplement.* Perhaps the solution is in betterment of their conditions.

Lives squeezed out dry

By B.C. Thimmaiah

Rows of freshly-cleaned clothes hanging on the poles to dry in hot sun, gently swayed by moving winds, a steady rhythmic slapping sound, symmetric brushing and arranging clean clothes to be dried in the next row, steady supply of dirty clothes to be washed on the washing stones placed at the back or on the sides...

Sounds fascinating, doesn't it? — No, not entirely. Life at a Dhobi Ghat is hardly as clean and enticing as it looks. Mysuru has four Dhobi Ghats — Kukkarahalli Lake, Yadavagiri, Gobblikatte below Chamundi Hill and Kesare — and one visit here gives a picture of the struggles faced by the men and women who keep our clothes clean, ironed and ready-to-be worn everyday.

Their hard labour, most of the times, do not come to the fore and remains in obscurity unless one wants to dig deep into their LIVES THAT ARE SQUEEZED OUT DRY.

A Dhobhi's work is of hard labour and very demanding. Apart from the back-breaking work, they have to deliver the clean clothes to their clients.

They stand inside sudsy water at Dhobi Ghats to beat odds

Rising at 4 am every day, picking up a pile of dirty clothes from hotels, homes, villas and sometimes hospitals, these Dhobis soak the clothes in water and then beat the same on stones at the Dhobi Ghat. They rinse the clothes and squeeze them, laying out to dry — all under searing heat in an open air area, which is necessary to keep clothes clean and the area less damp.

The actual washing begins at 6 am and goes on till 3 pm after which the dirty linens are neatly pressed and packed to be delivered back to the customer's place. Each Dhobi ends up washing over a 100 clothes a day. And combined, all Dhobi Ghats churn out more than 10,000 washed and pressed clothes every day.

A Dhobi is a laundryman who collects dirty linens and returns them washed and neatly pressed from open-air Laundromats, or ghats. Clothes are washed in individual, open-air concrete wash pens, each fitted with a flogging stone. The word 'Dhobi' has been derived from the Hindi word 'dhona' and the Sanskrit word 'dhav' which literally means to wash.

Ravi

Clothes are soaked in sudsy water and then the dhobis thrash the garment repeatedly on the stone — relentlessly pounding the dirt from the clothing. Dhobis spend most of their day knee-deep in stagnant pools of murky water.

The garments are then scrubbed, hung out to dry, ironed, neatly folded, then returned to the customer. Because the clothes are marked from the outset with a code (usually on the inside of the garment), the clean clothes are returned to the proper owner. In many cases, the laundry work has been handed down from generation to generation.

Standing constantly inside sudsy or soap-and-chemical-foam-filled water has led to the rise of various ailments. After the day's wash, legs get bloated and are whitish in colour. The cracked soles of the feet make matters worse and Dhobis are prone to infections.

Fifty-year-old Ravi, one of the washer men at Kukkarahalli Lake Dhobi Ghat was unable to walk steadily as both of his legs are infected. He is under treatment and it costs Rs. 3,500 per session with doctor including medicine charges. "I cannot rest despite my condition as I have to feed my family. I still stand inside chemical-filled water from 6 am to 1 pm and when I get out, there is unbearable itching. I have to apply cream that costs Rs. 300 for a small tube. I was out of work for more than 6 months and had to spend more than Rs. 30,000 for the treatment," he says.

After his wash job, Ravi stretches his legs under the sun for some relief. "If I don't do this, my legs get infected and resting under sun gives me some relief," he says.

From pile to line — A story of hard labour

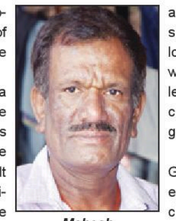
A crucial factor in sustaining a Dhobi family is the unity and co-operation between the family members to finish a day's work. While one person washes clothes, another hangs them to dry while others bring water, or collect/distribute clothes. Usually, the men wash clothes while women and grown-up children hang the clothes and keep a watch. If it rains, they have to scramble to take off the clothes from the poles and railings.

Hanging clothes on the poles too is an art and once the clothes are somewhat 'joined' to the thread, the poles are lifted straight and planted on the ground. It stands in a balance and withstands the wind and weight of the clothes. A windy and sunny atmosphere dries the washed clothes fast. Once dried, the clothes are removed from the poles easily and neatly packed. Each Dhobi family has its own regular customers and designated areas from where they collect clothes. They identify their set of clothes with initials, or other markings. They claim decades of relationships with their loyal customers.

Getting clothes form the pile to line takes a lot of work. Clothes that have stubborn stains are soaked in soda and soap-oil water the previous night. The next morning, they are brushed, rinsed and beaten on stones to remove stains, especially in white robes and sheets.

Handi Halla Dhobi Ghat

The Dhobi Ghat at the posh locality of Yadavagiri is called the Handi Halla Dhobi Ghat. This place is contrastingly opposite to the name and fame of Yadavagiri where some of the wealthy people live.



Mahesh

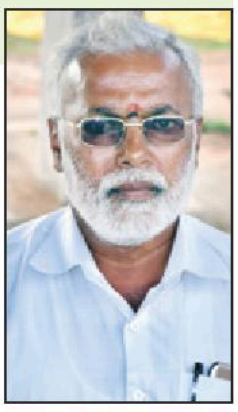
Located by the side of a huge storm water drain, the Handi Halla Dhobi Ghat paints a sorry picture. Though some concrete structures are built for the shelter and convenience of the Dhobis, the place is in a mess. Water from the open drain leaks into the Dhobi Ghat right where the washer men clean clothes and sometimes the drain stinks.

While many Dhobi Ghats in cities have seen automation in the form of washing and drying machines, these Dhobis have to do everything manually. 50-year-old R.C. Mahesh has been doing this job since the last 18 years. He gets up at 4 am and after a day's hard work, he goes to bed at 10 pm. "The main issue for us is health. Standing in the middle of soap and chemical water blocks smooth flow of blood to the lower parts of the legs. Also, we have to bear with skin allergies and if we do not take care, the infection will lead to gangrene," he says.

At the Handi Halla Dhobi Ghat there are over 30 washer men families doing the daily chores. The Dhobis are from Madivala community and they are demanding inclusion in the Scheduled Caste list so they get Government benefits. "We are under the reservation category 2A and it is of no use. We don't have any medical facility and no means to educate our children so that they can lead a better life. Blood flow was blocked in my legs and I had to spend Rs. 60,000 from my pocket," he reveals.

Cheluvaraj of Yadavagiri seen using LPG-powered iron that provides great fuel efficiency when compared to the traditional charcoal iron used by M. Kumar (right). These days, the availability of charcoal too is tough and many charcoal supplying units have shut shop.

Rs. 34 lakh grant for washing, drying machines yet to reach us



"This is a lake area that was handed over to the Madivala community by the Maharajas. It is a three-acre area and we have half-built the boundary wall out of MLA and MP funds. When we ask for facilities, MUDA asks us for land records or proof of land ownership. Rs. 34 lakh has been released by the Government to procure washing machine here but MUDA is withholding the money for reasons best known to them. We have the records and Encumbrance Certificate to prove ownership and will fight till we get better facilities," says **Chowdaiah**, President of Mysuru City Veera Madivala Mahajana Seva Sangha, Saraswathipuram (Kukkarahalli Dhobi Ghat).

Dhobi Ghat bathroom has no water, power, chamber and so locked 24X7

"Organising Secretary of the Mysuru City Veera Madivala Mahajana Seva Sangha, **Shivashankar** said that there is a need for a Samudaya Bhavan for the community. "Compared to Yadavagiri, Kukkarahalli Dhobi Ghat is neat and spacious. But we need machines as they will reduce manual labour a lot. The bathroom that has constructed for us has no power, water or waste collection/ disposal chamber. So it is permanently locked," he said.

"This land has been donated by Maharajas and later transferred to MCC and later to MUDA. Now it is under 30-year lease. We need better facilities. One of our fellow washer man recently died of gangrene and his leg was bloated and infected," he added.

No automation, only hard manual work

"In Tamil Nadu, there are washer men society that supplies machines, washing soda, chemicals and loans along with subsidies. Here we don't have any facilities and our workplace is dirty. Dhobi Ghats in Bengaluru are equipped with washing machines and LPG iron. We still use steam iron here. Though the politicians promise the moon when they come for election, nothing has been done to our benefit."

"The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) provides free water and the Handi Halla land was given to Madivala community by the Maharajas. The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has the responsibility of maintaining the Dhobi Ghat and to provide facilities. Here we have nothing but a stinky atmosphere, dilapidated structures and heavy manual work,"

— R.C. Mahesh, Handi Halla Dhobi Ghat

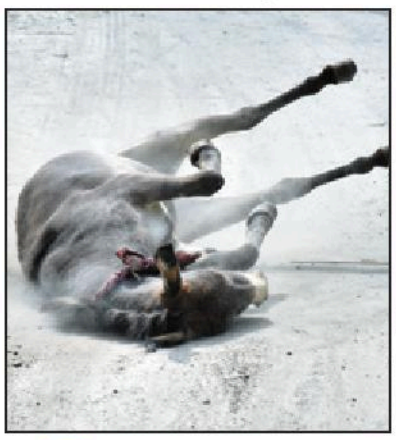
Officials who wax eloquent on Swachh Bharat must come here

"Schemes sanctioned under JnNURM project have been left incomplete and many representations have been made to MCC and MUDA. We have strained ourselves by going there 15 to 20 times but nothing has been materialised so far. Our Dhobi Ghat is located in a pit and all the dirt around flows in here along with the dirty water in the adjacent storm water drain. MCC officials who wax eloquent about cleanliness and Swachh Bharat must visit here to know the life we live. It is worse than slums."

"There are no toilet facilities here and no changing rooms for women. The vast area can beautifully be developed and automation facility can be provided. With machines, we can wash clothes and dry them. All our health problems will be solved."

— S.N. Mallesh, Handi Halla Dhobi Ghat Association President

Donkey's milk, the new elixir



Cleopatra VII Philopator, the last ruler of Ptolemaic Kingdom of Egypt, used to bathe in it to preserve her legendary beauty. Even after centuries, donkey milk is still in business as a super food, fetching Rs. 700 for 100 ml.

Cleopatra supposedly took a daily bath in milk supplied by a herd of some 700 lactating donkeys. History says that even Pauline Bonaparte, French military leader Napoleon Bonaparte's sister and Poppaea Sabina, the second wife of Roman Emperor Nero used donkey's milk for its beauty-enhancing properties. Donkey milk has therapeutic properties that include anti-ageing and antioxidant qualities. It is also considered very good for infants, especially those with gastric problems, and for people suffering with skin allergies.

The milk is rich in vitamins and essential fatty acids and has less fat than cow milk. According to UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation, donkey milk has "particular nutritional benefits". It's seen as an alternative for infants affected by cow milk protein allergies. Donkey milk also has a natural anti-inflammatory and antihistamine action which is an excellent cure for skin diseases.

Donkey milk is a good source of income for some of the washer men families and also nomads. "People come to us as early as 7 am with children and feed the kids with donkey milk. Since donkeys don't yield much milk, people have to wait or come back the next day," says a Dhobi at Yadavagiri. Some washer men, during their free time, go with lactating donkeys around the city and earn a decent amount of money that supplements their income.

Dhobi Ghat idea was inspired by Hampi Bhojana Shalas

Sreenivasan Jain

It was TV journalist Sreenivasan Jain's grandfather M. A. Sreenivasan who had conceptualised the idea of Dhobi Ghat in Mysuru. Sreenivasan was a Minister in the Princely State of Mysore during the reign of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar. Even the land for the Dhobi Ghat was sanctioned by him.

The then Mysore Government had initiated several schemes for the benefit of communities be it the low-cost housing initiatives (Agraharas), or the innovative Dhobi Ghat. Sreenivasan's idea of Dhobi Ghat was borrowed from the Bhojana Shalas of the Hampi ruins.

Several major temples in Hampi have an embedded kitchen and 100 or more pillared feeding halls. Hampi also had a dedicated public Bhojana Shala (house of food) where numerous thali (dish) were carved in series in a rock on both sides of a water channel. One example is found near an octagonal fountain in the south of the Royal Centre. According to Epigraphical sources, this Hampi Bhojana Shala was an *'ootada kaluve'* or canal connected with eating.

M.A. Sreenivasan started his career as a young Mysore Civil Service officer in 1918. He served both Mysore Kingdom and then the Government of British India. He was made a minister (Pradhan) in 1943. In 1947, he was invited by the Maharaja of Gwalior to become the vice-president (Dewan) of that State.

Journalist Sreenivasan Jain's mother Devaki Jain is an economist and writer, who has worked mainly in the field of feminist economics. In 2006 she was awarded the Padma Bhushan for her contribution to social justice and the empowerment of women.

Kalamandira reverberates with Narasimhaswamy Bhajans

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY&SD) - Sri Sai Pranati Seva Trust, Mysuru had organised 'Narasimha Namana' at Kalamandira this morning. Over 50 Bhajana Mandalis from different parts of the State chanted Bhajans on the stage while artiste Kalasindhoora R.S. Rajesh sketched and carved the idol of Lord Narasimhaswamy on the spot.

Kalamandira drowned in devotion as over 1,500 women, who were colourfully dressed in traditional attires, joined the singers on the stage from their respective seats and chanted Bhajans in praise of Lord Narasimhaswamy with utmost devotion. Working President of Karnataka Arya Vysya Mahamandali (KAVM) Girish Pendakur, President of Arya Vysya Charitable Trust, Bengaluru N. Prasad, State President of KAVM Gokula Chalapati, President of Sri Sai Pranati Seva Trust Rashmi Adish, members of KAVM and others were present.

CFTRI to conduct skill development workshop for ITI students

Mysuru, Jan. 25-CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, is conducting a workshop on operation and maintenance of select food processing machineries on Feb. 19 and 20 for the benefit of students undergoing training in various industrial trade courses. The workshop is taken up under CSIR Integrated Skill Initiatives aligning with Skill India Campaign.

The programme will introduce participants to the diverse operations and maintenance of food processing machineries. Further, safety issues, regulatory requirements, hygiene, sanitation and SOPs for quality management are also included. CFTRI with its vast expertise in food processing and large number of scale-up facilities will be enabling an ideal platform for skill enhancement for those who aspire to be a part of the sunrise Industry. Students pursuing ITI and those who have completed ITI in the last two years can participate. There are 20 seats available for registration. All participants will be provided with a proficiency certificate. Those who would like to enroll for the programme may visit at: *http://www.cftri.com/sdp* or contact Dr. H. Umesh Hebbar, Sr. Principal Scientist, Food Engineering Department or email: *hebbar@cftri.res.in;* Ph: 0821-2512520. The last date for registration is Feb. 7, according to a press release from A.S.K.V.S.Sharma, Coordinator, Information and Publicity.

Malaysian Food Fest to conclude tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 25- The Malaysian Food Festival organised by Golden Landmark Resort, KRS Road, Metagalli, from Jan.23 at its newly re-launched *Firkin Foyer Restaurant,* will conclude on Jan.26. Malaysian cuisines such as Chicken Peri Peri Dimsums, Kambing Soup, Malai Spring Veg Salad, Nyonya Fried Chicken, Pineapple Tossed Prawns, Malay Penang Chicken, Malai Mee Gorang, Malai Curry Coconut Soup, Malai Chicken Meat Balls, Mushroom With Lotus Steam Fried Rice, Dadar Galang and many more by Chef Selva Kumar will be available at the fest, says Shishir Ranjan, General Manager of the hotel.

Arbitrary Income Tax results in social injustice: CJI

S.A. Bobde

New Delhi, Jan. 25- Chief Justice of India (CJI) S.A. Bobde said that while tax evasion was injustice to fellow Indian citizens, arbitrary or excessive taxation on income resulted in social injustice by a government. He was speaking at the 79th Foundation Day of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) in New Delhi yesterday.

He said speedy resolution of tax disputes would act as an incentive to taxpayers and free the funds locked in litigation. "A just and speedy dispute resolution is perceived as a tax incentive by the taxpayer. To the tax collector, an efficient tax judiciary assures that demands arising out of legitimate assessment are not strangled in delayed litigation," he said.

Deny tickets to candidates

(Continued from page 1)

46 percent of Parliamentarians have criminal antecedents

Senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for the ECI, said the poll panel has taken several steps to stop criminalisation of politics. He also said that the directions given by Apex Court in 2018 have not succeeded and added that instead of these, accountability should be fixed by the Court on the political parties that any candidate with criminal background should not be given tickets.

"Given the situation and current composition of Parliament, we can assume that a law will not be passed to prohibit criminalisation of politics and disqualify those charged with serious criminal offences," Singh said. Senior Advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for Upadhyaya, said currently 46 percent of Parliamentarians have criminal antecedents and in this scenario it cannot be assumed that a law will be passed in this regard.

To this, the Bench asked Upadhyaya and the poll panel to suggest an effective mechanism to keep a check on criminalisation of politics. "This should be done at the earliest in the public interest. This should not be treated as an adversarial litigation. Both of you sit together and give a joint framework as what could be done to stop criminalisation of politics," the Bench said.

JUO Santhosh for R-Day Parade in New Delhi

Junior Under Officer (JUO) Santhosh from Senior Division, NCC 13 KAR. Bn, Mysore Group, will represent Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi tomorrow. A IV semster BA student of Maharaja's College, he will also take part in Prime Minister's Rally. He is seen with Capt. Dr. Diwakar Chandy.

Enthralling World Music Concert

The art connoisseurs of Mysuru were treated with a musical extravaganza last evening at Vijaya Vittala School Grounds in Saraswathipuram. The World Music Concert, organised by Sree Mookambika Creations featuring different genres of music — Indian, Jazz and European Classical — was presented by world renowned instrumentalists led by city's violinist Dr. Mysore Manjunath. The musical ensemble comprised Ned McGowan, a Dutch composer, teacher, flutist, improviser, curator and researcher; Alice Barron, violinist from UK with a western classical music background; Giuliano Modarelli, guitarist, composer and producer from Italy; Pramath Kiran, percussionist from South India; Will Roberts, a multi-talented instrumentalist and special percussionist from Cuba; Rajendra Nakod, tabla artiste from a family of distinguished classical musicians.

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Plea to stop burning garbage near Jaganmohan Palace and Rajivnagar

The fire lit to garbage dumped at a vacant site in Rajivnagar and also near Jaganmohan Palace in city are forcing the residents and school children to inhale toxic smoke emanating from it. While residents of Rajivnagar say that the vacant site has been a dumping yard since a year, the residents living in the surroundings of Jaganmohan Palace say that the smoke is not only causing problems to them but also to thousands of students studying at nearby schools and colleges. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the garbage cleared regularly and also instruct civic authorities to not light fire to the garbage. Picture below shows litter being burnt near Jaganmohan Palace.

Empty bottles, garbage become eyesores in V.V. Mohalla

Empty PET and liquor bottles, coconut shells, dry leaves and other such garbage which is dumped on the 11th Cross in V.V. Mohalla is not cleared since many days resulting in the garbage getting scattered and becoming an eyesore. The residents have urged the authorities concerned to get the garbage cleared at the earliest and on a regular basis.

Dy. CM gets Rs. 6.10 crore released towards SC women relief fund

Mysuru, Jan.25 (RK&DM)-In a swift action, Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, who is also the PWD and Social Welfare Minister, got Rs. 6.10 crore meant for distribution as relief fund among SC community women and beneficiaries, released within five minutes, at the Social Welfare Department progress review meeting, which he was chairing, at the Deputy Commissioner's office here in city recently.

Karjol, upon learning that Rs. 6.10 crore more was needed for distribution of relief money, ensured that the fund was released in no time.

Soon as the meeting began, Social Welfare Department Joint Director Muniraju brought to the notice of the Minister that 200 women have been provided a relief of Rs.1.87 crore, while another Rs. 6 crore was needed to distribute relief to 150 other women; Rs.10 lakh was needed for women who got married in mass marriages and for those who entered into inter-caste marriages.

Then, the Deputy CM immediately called the top Department officials at Bengaluru and ordered release of Rs. 6.10 crore, which the officials did immediately. Karjol also directed the authorities not to delay financial assistance to beneficiaries of various Government initiatives such as mass-marriage, inter-caste marriage, widow marriage etc., and victims of atrocities on SC women.

Referring to hostels run by the Social Welfare Department, Karjol instructed the officials to ensure stability of hostel buildings by taking necessary steps and to see that all hostels have rain-water harvesting systems. He also suggested that the community hostels be constructed wherever lands are available.

Directing the officials to ensure better SSLC results in residential schools run by the Department, Karjol said that the Taluk Panchayat and Zilla Panchayat funds may be used judiciously in this regard.

Referring to the issue of crimes against women, he directed SP C.B. Ryshyanth and DCP B.T. Kavitha to ensure proper investigation into heinous crimes against women such as gang rape, murder, caste abuse etc.

Karjol asked PWD officials to expedite works on construction of Ambedkar Bhavans, maintenance of State and National Highways, repair of rural roads, filling up of the potholes on district roads and other connecting roads.

MLA L.Nagendra, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde and others were present.

Elected Directors

Mysuru, Jan.25- The following have been elected unopposed as Directors of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Government Employees Credit Co-operative Society for the period 2020-2025:

R.Balakrishna,C.Venkatesh, N.Udaykumar, D.Anand, S.A. Harish, D.N. Chandrashekhar, J.Govindaraju, T.R. Kumar, M.Rajesh, N.Nagendra, T.Balaram, H.T. Prema, H.J. Lokesh, M.M.Rathi and Sarojamma, according to a press release.

Retired Bank employees demand pension revision

Mysuru, Jan.25 (RKB&DM)- At a meeting held at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road here on Wednesday, retired bank employees discussed in length the disparity in pension and other retirement benefits.

The meeting dwelled on issues concerning family pension, health insurance, change in Dearness Allowance payment procedure and a review of pension scheme, among others.

The meeting also sought to end disparity in respect of allowances in Public and Private sector banks and a revision of pension in accordance with the rising cost of living.

Bank strike: Meanwhile, various Bank Unions have called for a two-day Nationwide Bank strike on Jan.31 and Feb.1, and the pensioners said that they would support the strike.

Office-bearers of various Banking Unions, K.C. Acharya, Gandhi, Shantharaju, A.N. Krishnamurthy, Gopinath, Sukumar, Anandamurthy and others were present.

Voter Awareness Jatha held

Mysuru, Jan. 25 (MTY&SD)- As part of National Voters' Day today, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), District Administration, in association with Zilla Panchayat, had organised a Voter Awareness Jatha from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple to Town Hall this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the event at Town Hall, Principal District and Sessions Judge S.K. Vontigodi highlighted the importance of voting and appealed to all adults to cast their votes without fail during elections.

"In democracy, voting is a fundamental right. Every citizen must exercise it and motivate his/her family and friends to vote. We have observed that during elections the voters turn out from rural areas is usually higher compared to urban areas. This is because people living in cities consider voting day as a holiday. This is a big mistake. One should realise that voting is a privilege, which should not be taken so lightly," he said.

Later, prizes were distributed to winners of contests held on the occasion of voting awareness programme held recently. Mysuru ZP CEO K. Jyothi, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) B.R. Poornima, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, MCC Deputy Commissioner Shivananda Murthy and others were present.

Govt. preparing law to link Aadhaar to Voter ID

New Delhi, Jan. 25 (Agencies)- The Union Law Ministry has been working on a Cabinet note to prepare a new law after considering the Election Commission's proposal to give it statutory backing to collect the Aadhaar numbers of new applicants and existing voters to check multiple entries in the electoral rolls.

The Ministry is working to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1951, and is expected to submit the changes before the Cabinet committee, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for its consideration so that a Bill in this regard could be introduced before the Parliament.

The amendments to the Representation of the People Act will require citizens to link their electoral photo ID card (EPIC) with the 12-digit Aadhaar, while ensuring privacy protection. "The Ministry is busy in preparing a Cabinet note considering Election Commission's proposal to tweak the electoral law," an official, requesting anonymity said.

The official said it is not yet decided by the Law Ministry when it will present the note before the Cabinet, but indicated that it can be put before or during the Budget Session which will commence on Jan. 31 and subject to the exigencies of Government business, is likely to conclude on April 3 with a 19-day recess in between.

In a letter to the Law Ministry, the Election Commission in August last year proposed that provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 be amended to allow it to seek Aadhaar numbers of those applying to be voters and those who are already part of the electoral rolls.

As per EC's proposal, the electoral law should be amended to empower electoral registration officers to seek Aadhaar number of existing voters as well as of those applying to get their names on the voters' list.

Apache, Chinook helicopters to debut at Delhi R-Day Parade

New Delhi, Jan. 25- On 71st Republic Day, newly-inducted stealth attack helicopter 'Apache' and transport helicopter 'Chinook' will take part in the Republic Day flypast for the first time at the Republic Day Parade flypast to be held at the nation's capital. A model of Rafale jet will be showcased as part of the Indian Air Force tableau.

The Republic Day flypast will comprise 41 aircraft of the Indian Air Force and four helicopters of the Army's aviation arm. The aircraft types include 16 fighters, 10 transport aircraft and 19 helicopters.

The Chinook, twin-engine, tandem rotor is a multi-role, vertical-lift platform, which is used for transporting troops, artillery, equipment and fuel.

Apache is one of the world's most advanced multi-role combat helicopters, designed to survive heavy attack and inflict massive damage. It can zero in on specific targets, day or night, even in terrible weather.

Prohibitory orders imposed

Mysuru, Jan.25- With the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) conducting commerce exams from Jan.27 to Feb.7 at N.R.Mohalla Government Higher Primary School, the city Police have imposed ban orders under Section 35 of Karnataka Police Act, in 200 mt. radius of the school, from 6 am to 6 pm on all days of the exam, to ensure smooth conduct of the exam, according to a press release issued by the office of the city Police Commissioner.

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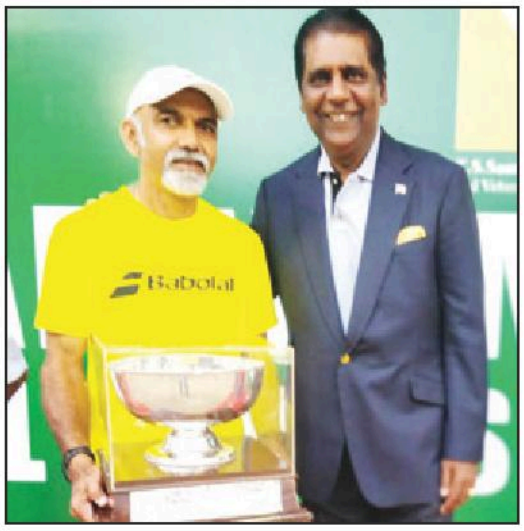
T.S. Santhanam Memorial National Seniors Tennis Championship

City's Nagaraj wins double crown



R. Nagaraj, winner of 55-plus men's singles and doubles title, seen with Indian Tennis legend Vijay Amritraj.

Chennai, Jan. 25- City's senior tennis player R. Nagaraj of Income-Tax Department, taking part in the T.S. Santhanam Memorial Seniors Tennis Championship-2020, held at Mylapore Club, Chennai, from Jan.20 to 24, won the 55+ singles and doubles titles on Friday.

In the 55-plus men's singles final, top-seed Nagaraj beat Nirmal Kumar 6-1, 6-3 to clinch the title. In the semi-finals, he got the better of Karthik Kailash 6-3, 6-1 and in the quarter-finals beat Ramu 6-0, 6-0. In the pre-quarter-finals, Nagaraj beat R. Balasubramanian 6-2, 6-1 to move ahead.

In the 55-plus doubles event, Nagaraj, teaming up with Sanjeev Mehra, won the title beating Dr. Karthik Kailash and Nirmal Kumar 6-4, 6-7 (3), 10-3. In the semi-finals, the duo combined well to beat Madhusudhan and Suresh 6-0, 6-2 and in the quarter-finals they beat Ramu and Thyagarajan 6-0, 6-2 to forge ahead.

Col. C.K. Nayudu Trophy for U-23

Mysuru lad Kishan Bedare to lead Karnataka

Kishan S. Bedare

Thushar Harikrishna

Bengaluru, Jan. 25- Mysuru Zone's Kishan S. Bedare will lead Karnataka in the Elite Group 'A' Col. C.K. Nayadu Trophy for 2019-20 for under-23 years' match against Uttar Pradesh from Jan.29 to Feb. 1 at SDNR Wadiyar Platinum Jubilee University Grounds, Mysuru.

Mysuru Zone's Thushar Harikrishna is also part of the 15-member squad announced by the KSCA.

THE TEAM

Kishan S. Bedare (Captain), Luvnith Sisodia (VC, WK), Manoj Bhandage, Jayesh Babu, B.U. Shivakumar, Shrikara, Sujay Sateri, V. Vyshak, Abhilash Shetty, Santhokh Singh, Kushaal Wadhwani, Abheet Kuthpady, Thushar Harikrishna, Sujith Gowda and Rishi Bopanna.

Coach: Deepak A. Chougle, N.C. Aiyappa.

KSCA Women's Cricket League

Shubha shines in Herons CC's win

Bengaluru, Jan. 25- An unbeaten 72 n.o. by Mysuru's upcoming cricketer Shubha Satish helped Herons CC to register an 80-run win over Rajajinagar Cricketers in the semi-final of the KSCA Women's Cricket League played at Bengaluru on Friday.

SCORES - Semi-finals

Herons CC: 172/4 in 28 overs (Shubha Satish 72 n.o., G. Divya 31, Sanjana Batni 25 n.o, Sreelakshmi S. Manjegowda 2/28) bt Rajajinagar Cricketers 92/7 in 28 overs (G. Rameshwari 3/10). Vultures CC 75 in 21.1 overs (Simren Henry 3/25, Sahana Pawar 2/10) lost to Swastic Union CC (1) 79/1 in 12.1 overs (Akansha Kohli 49 n.o.).

ITF Cairo Men's Tennis Tourney

Prajwal Dev, Nathan duo go down in quarter-finals

Egypt, Jan. 25- Mysuru lad S.D. Prajwal Dev, teaming up with Frenchman Nathan Seateun, went down in the men's doubles quarter-finals in the ITF 15,000$ F2 men's tennis tournament in Cairo, Egypt, on Thursday.

The Spanish pair of Sergi Perez Contri and Nikolas Sanchez Izqierdo combined well to beat Prajwal and Nathan 6-4, 3-6, 10-6 and entered the semi-finals in the men's doubles event.

MDFA 'B' Division Football League

Pope FC plays truant; Fails to turn up for the game

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Pope FC played truant by not turning up for their 'B' Division football league match for the Govindaraju Memorial Trophy with Kickers FC at the University Football Grounds here on Friday.

As a result, Kickers FC earned a walk-over from Pope FC. As per the rules of MDFA, Pope FC who did not turn up for the game were relegated to 'C' Division.

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Bags 'Award of Excellence' at Intl. Yoga Festival

Mysuru, Jan.25- Saagari N. Rai, a 9th std. student of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Mysuru, has won the 'Award of Excellence' at the Yogasana Talent Show in the group of 10-15 years organised as part of the 26th International Yoga Festival by the Department of Tourism, Government of Puducherry, at Puducherry recently.

She is trained under Yoga Guru Dr. Ganesh Acharya of Mysore Vivekananda Yoga Education and Research Institution, Mysuru.

Saagari is the daughter of B.P. Nuthan Kumar (employee at *Hotel Southern Star)* and Suchithra Rai, residents of Teachers Layout in city.

Srihari of GSS Foundation felicitating Saagari N. Rai on behalf of Mysore Vivekananda Yoga Education and Research Institution at a programme held in city recently as Yoga Guru Dr. Ganesh Acharya and others look on.

AITA Men's Tennis

Vasisht enters final

Chennai, Jan. 25- Mysuru lad C.Vasisht, taking part in the AITA 1 lakh prize money men's tennis tournament at Krishnan Tennis Centre, Chennai, entered the final in the men's singles event on Friday.

In the semi-finals, Vasisht beat Kavin Vashilamani (TN) 6-1, 6-2 to enter the final, where he clashes with top-seed Kaza Vinayak Sharma (AP) today.

Suttur Jathra: CM to deliver valedictory address

Mysuru, Jan. 25- Following are the events to be held tomorrow (Jan. 26) as part of the Annual Jathra Mahotsava at Suttur Srikshetra in Nanjangud taluk:

4 am: Karthru Gadduge - Maharudrabhisheka; **6.30 am:** Nandigundapura - Peace-Prayer Friendship March. Yoga Demonstration by students of Suttur JSS School; **7.30 am:** Shatsthala Dhwajarohana - Sri Shivakumara Swamiji. Message - Sri Vararudramuni Shivacharya Swamiji.

8 am: 71st Republic Day celebrations by JSS Educational Institutions, Suttur. Sri Channabasava Swamiji and Sri Mahantha Swamiji will grace the occasion. ZP President Parimala Shyam presides. State Planning Commission Vice-President B.J. Puttaswamy hoists the flag. Mysuru ZP Vice-President Gowramma Somashekar, Mysore Milk Union Ltd. (MyMUL) President S. Siddegowda, Athani Vimochana Sangha President B.L. Patil, Bannari Sugars Ltd. CMD S.V. Balasubramaniam, Bengaluru industrialists H.S. Somashekar, Mulchand Nahar and P. Niranjan, social worker J.R. Patel, Dr. S. Shivarudraswamy of Gowdara Mudduveerappa Memorial Hospital-Kollegal and Mahalakshmi Sweets owner Shivakumar chief guests.

10.30 am: Maharudrabhisheka to Sri Adi Jagadguru Utsava Murthy (banks of Kapila River), Astotthara Shathakumbhotsava Panchamrutabisheka. Valedictory of Agricultural Fair and Expo - Sri Siddalinga Swamiji and Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji will grace the occasion. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa delivers valedictory address. Housing Minister V. Somanna presides. Prize Distribution - Agricultural Fair by MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad; Academic and Science by MLA Dr. K. Sudhakar; Exhibition by MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddha-ramaiah. Legislators G.T. Devegowda and Dr. K. Annadani, former Minister N. Cheluvaraya-swamy, Advocate-General Prabhulinga K. Navadagi, AKKA Sam-melana-2020 President Tumakur Dayananda, AKKA Trust Chairman Amaranatha Gowda and industrialist Shivamurthy Keelara (America) chief guests.

11.45 am: Karthru Gadduge -Anna Brahmotsava; **12 noon:** Mahamangalarathi; **6.30 pm:** Utsava Murthy will be taken to Srimutt.

Two from city killed in car accident near T. Narasipur

Mysuru, Jan.25 (Kumar, RK&DM)- Two persons including a woman from the city were killed and two other women were injured, when the car in which they were travelling toppled and fell into a roadside ditch near Mugur in T. Narasipur taluk in the wee hours today. The four hailed from the same family.

The deceased have been identified as Suhas (35), the car driver and Bhagyamma (45), both residents of Nazarbad near Sachchidananda School.

They had been to M.M.Hills in a car (KA-03/MG 2226) to offer special prayers to the deity on Friday, being the first Amavasya (New Moon) of the year. They were returning to Mysuru when the car went out of control and fell into a roadside ditch near Mugur cross on Chamarajanagar-Kollegal National Highway at about 3 am.

While the car driver Suhas was killed on the spot, three women occupants of the car who sustained injuries were rushed to a private hospital in Mysuru, where Bhagyamma died a few hours later. Her injured daughters Smrithi and Anitha are recovering.

The T.Narasipur Police have registered a case.

Bus runs over scooter rider

Mysuru, Jan.25(RK&DM)- A scooter rider was killed when a city bus ran over him on Shivaji Road in N.R.Mohalla on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as Shabbir Ahmed Khan (54), a resident of N.R. Mohalla in the city. Shabbir Ahmed Khan was travelling on his Honda Activa on Shivaji Road at about 4.30 pm when a city bus knocked him down from behind and ran over him.

A seriously injured Shabbir was rushed to K.R.Hospital, where the doctors declared him brought dead. N.R. Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

Chain snatcher arrested

Mysuru, Jan.25- The Udayagiri Police, in a swift action, have arrested the chain snatcher who had allegedly yanked off a gold chain from an elderly woman, within a day of the crime.

Fayaz Pasha, a resident of Ghousianagar in the city is the man arrested.

Pasha was picked up by Udayagiri Police when he was suspiciously moving about trying to sell a gold chain near a pawn broker's shop at Ghousianagar on Jan.23.

During interrogation, he confessed to have snatched the chain from the woman who was sitting in front of a community hall at Kyathamaranahalli on Jan.22. Later, the gold chain, weighing 20 grams was also recovered from him.

Pasha has now been remanded to judicial custody.

Three boys go missing from city hostel

Mysuru, Jan.25- Three teenage boys in the city have gone missing from a hostel where they were residing at, since Jan. 22.

The three boys, Rahul, Chandrashekhar and Srinivas, all aged 15 years, studying at Brindavan School in city, left the hostel at 9.30 am on Jan. 22 morning to go to school and have not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged by the Hostel Warden S.P. Umesh with the V.V. Puram Police Station.

The missing kids were last seen wearing their school uniform, a purple shirt and a black pant.

Those having any information about the missing boys may call V. V. Puram Police: 0821-2418314 or 2418514 or Police Control Room: 2418340 / 2418339.

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HOUSE FOR SALE
N/F, 3 BHK House on plot measuring 40x85 at Siddhartha Nagar is for immediate sale, behind Central excise.
Mob: 9606480194
Brokers Excuse

2 BHK FLAT FOR SALE
V.V Mohala. Mysore 6th main & 6th cross, H Iland park, behind pizza hut, special offer for immediate registration.
Call after 11am.
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MUDA SITE FOR SALE
30X40 N/F 48 Lakhs at Vijaynagar 4th stage.
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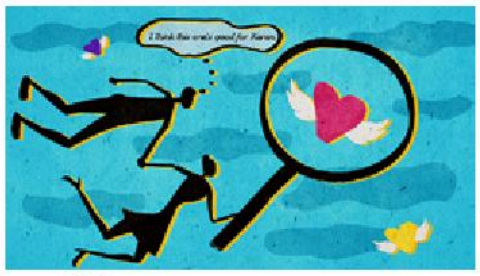
Contact: 99860-04007

FOND REMEMBRANCE
20th Death Anniversary

Late Sri P.M. Channabasavanna
We miss you Appa
Smt & Sri M C Somashekhar & Family | Smt & Sri M Manjunath & Family
Smt & Sri M C Mallikarjun & Family | Smt Dr. Geetha Mahadevprasad & Family

WORD OF THE DAY

Vicarious



Pronunciation: vye-KAIR-ee-us.
Meaning: Experienced or realised through imaginative or sympathetic participation in the experience of another; serving instead of someone or something else; that has been delegated.
Origin: If you act in someone's stead, you take his or her place, at least temporarily. The oldest meaning of vicarious, which dates to the first half of the 1600s, is "serving instead of someone or something else." The word vicarious derives from the Latin noun vicis, which means "change," "alternation," or "stead." Vicis is also the source of the English prefix vice- (as in "vice president"), meaning "one that takes the place of."
Example: "'Gravity' is a brilliantly realized, completely riveting, dread-drenched science fiction thriller about two astronauts stranded in orbit around Earth. And it turns out to be one amazing vicarious experience, simultaneously dream and nightmare, with a set of cinematic illusions that simply—well, maybe not so simply—astounds." — Bill Wine.

THE ODD WORD

Vaaljapie

Inferior wine.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Veg out

Meaning: To 'veg out' is to relax in a slothful and mindless manner.
Origin: This phrase derives from the association of vegetables with mental incapacity; in the way that mentally disabled people are sometimes referred to as vegetables. 'Couch potato' comes from the same notion. The term originated in the 1970s. Most of the early uses of it come from the USA, although the earliest that I know of is from Canada, in The Calgary Herald, November 1979: The teenager's favourite description of doing nothing. ("I'm just going to veg out today.").

QUOTE BOX

Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon.—**Doug Larson**

RIDDLE THIS

I'm so fast you can't see me, though everyone else can see straight through me. I don't stop until the day you die. What am I?

Answer: The blink of an eye.

SUDOKU

7			4					
					6	4		2
	1				7		8	
		8	9				3	
3			1	4	2			5
	6				3	1		
	2		5				4	
8		3	7					
					8			9

Answer to previous puzzle

3	2	4	8	9	6	1	7	5
5	1	8	7	3	4	6	2	9
6	7	9	1	2	5	8	3	4
4	3	6	9	5	7	2	8	1
8	5	2	6	4	1	3	9	7
7	9	1	2	8	3	5	4	6
1	8	7	3	6	9	4	5	2
9	4	3	5	1	2	7	6	8
2	6	5	4	7	8	9	1	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Speak a certain way
5 Type of carbonaceous fuel or famous soft drink
9 Regional Airline Assoc.
12 Unique or singular person
13 Doing as one is told
15 Famous cookie
16 Perplex
17 Quicksilver?
19 A circle abbreviated as "about" in Latin?
20 Spanish queen
21 Securely balanced
23 Cowboy competition
26 Prefix creating direct opposite of the simple word
27 An archaic enemy
28 Inspired wonder
29 Mousy brown colour
30 Indian wheaten flour
31 Inertial Navigation Sys.
32 Cry convulsively?
33 More sagacious
34 Formal expression of opinion?
36 Some Assembly Required
37 Gas used in advertising?
38 Immature frog
42 Starting of combustion
44 Cooking space
45 Criminalized
46 Italian painter Guido - "rine" anagram?
47 Bull periods
48 Inquisitive
49 Stepped

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

H	E	T		C	A	D	I		C	A	T	O
O	R	E		O	T	I	S		A	N	E	W
W	E	A	K	N	E	S	S		M	I	L	L
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E	G	O		C	U	L	P	A		L	I	P
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N	I	M	R	O	D		T	R	Y			
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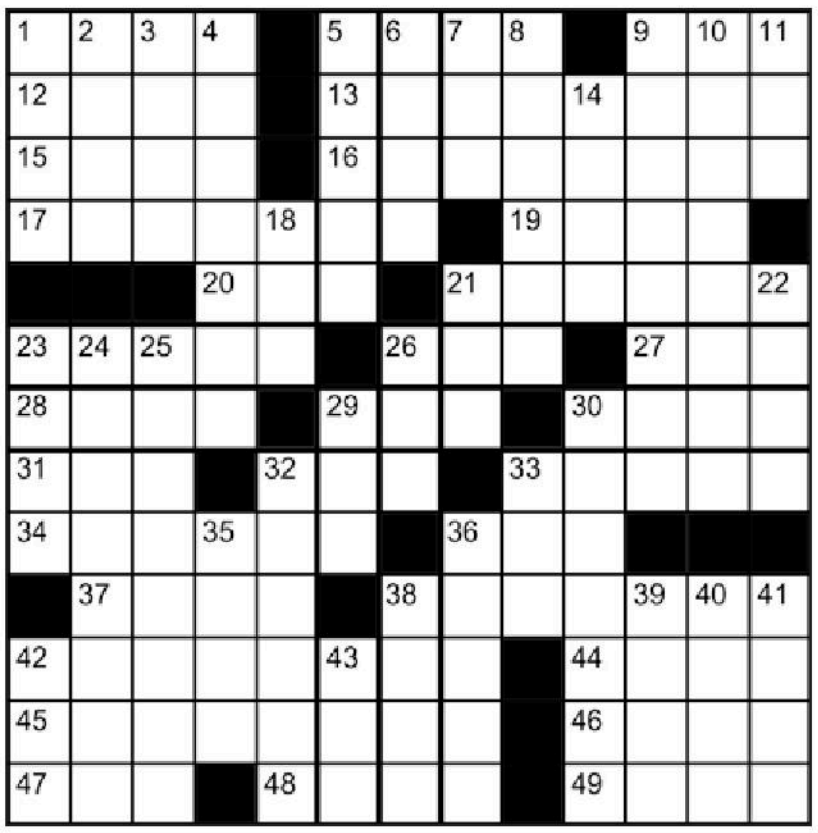
D	E	F	Y		P	A	R	A	N	O	I	A
T	R	U	E		E	M	I	T		E	N	S
H	I	N	D		D	A	M	E		T	E	T

DOWN

1 Come into view
2 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)
3 Man of vision, prophet
4 Go forwards
5 Snake
6 Do as ordered
7 London's ___ Gardens
8 Laws
9 ___ the proposal : rewrites the proposal after making necessary minor changes?
10 Short amusing tale
11 Air Transp. Radio
14 ____ Natase : Rumanian tennis star of days gone by?
18 Popular card game
21 Something wicked
22 January to December
23 Sortie, foray or attack
24 Confessing or admitting (6,2)
25 Downward movements
26 Confer knighthood
29 ___ DeLuise
30 Aerodrome
32 Darkening of the skin by sunlight
33 Pad of loose material
35 Drudgery or tedium?
36 Golfer Lyle
38 You have five on each foot
39 Above or done with
40 NBC's Jay?
41 Dine" anagram for a girl's name?
42 Debtor's letters
43 City in Nigeria



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IGOMPGM WRF SRJM UYCPX R GCZM UYZ WYIV MJODI;

ACV OV SRI UYCPX PY ZMWMXF UYZ VSM QYZIV YU

VSMW RDD - VSM RERVSF YU SCWRP AMOPNI.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Be kind to unkind people - they need it the most.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
India Vs England	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Khakii	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Navellaru	Lakshmi	2443584	1 Shows
Naanu Matthu Gunda	Lakshmi	2443584	3 Shows
Sri Bharatha Baahubali	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Avane Srimannarayana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Gadinadu	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
HINDI			
Street Dancer	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Disco Raja	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Ala Vaikunthapurramloo	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Darbar	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
----	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows

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Street Dancer (3D-H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm
Tanhaji: Unsung Warrior (3D-H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
1917 (E)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Naanu Matthu Gunda (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Disco Raja (Te)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Darbar (Ta)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Panga (H)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
	(S-3)	4.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.25 am, 10.00 pm
Psycho (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Khakii (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 1.30 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Anjaam Pathiraa (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-4)	1 pm, 6.55 pm
India Vs Endland (K)	(S-4)	4.10 pm

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Tanhaji: Unsung Warrior (3D-H)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Street Dancer (3D-H)	(S-1)	10 am, 12.55 pm 6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-2)	12.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Panga (H)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 4.10 pm, 6.55 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	(S-4)	9.50 am
	(S-3)	6.35 pm
Naanu Matthu Gunda (K)	(S-3)	12.20 pm
Darbar (Ta)	(S-3)	3.15 pm
Disco Raja (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Tanhaji: Unsung Warrior (H)	(S-3)	9.35 pm
Psycho (Ta)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Khakii (K)	(S-4)	4.05 pm
India Vs Endland (K)	(S-4)	6.45 pm
Shylock (Ma)	(S-4)	9.35 pm

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Street Dancer 3 (H-3D)	9.05 am, 12.15 pm, 3.25 pm 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Tanhaji: Unsung Warrior (H-3D)	9.55 am, 7.05 pm
Panga (H)	10.25 am, 4.20 pm, 10 pm
Wild Karnataka (E)	10.30 am, 6.40 pm, 8.15 pm
Disco Raja (Te)	12.05 pm
Sarileru Neekevvaru (Te)	12.50 pm
Khakii (K)	1.10 pm
Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo (Te)	3.15 pm, 9.50 pm
India Vs England (K)	3.40 pm
Naanu Matthu Gunda (K)	6.35 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 25)

Srigowri Sangeetha Shale and Sri Nyayamrutham Trust [Mob. 99169-54433 or 90350-09035]: Madhwa Purandarotsava celebrations, Elocution and Quiz competitions, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, opposite Shantala Theatre, **4 pm.**

Hardwicke Educational Institutions, JLB Road: Anniversary celebrations, CSI-Karnataka Southern Diocese (Mangaluru) Bishop Rt. Rev. Mohan Manoraj graces the occasion, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, CSI-KSD (Mangalore) Secretary William Carey and CSI-KSD (Mangalore) Treasurer Vincent Palanna and Karnataka Southern Diocese Education Society (KaSDES) Mangaluru Secretary Moses Jayashekar chief guests, prize distribution by Mysuru Area Council President Rev. P. Gurushanta, CIS-KSD (Mangaluru) Vice-President Rev. Sr. Sujatha presides, High School premises, **5 pm.**

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru - BKS Vidya Bhavan School, Vijayanagar 1st Stage: 17th Annual Day celebrations with the theme 'Parivarthane,' SP C.B. Ryshyanth chief guest, BEO Mysuru North D. Udaya Kumar, BVB Bengaluru Chairman N. Ramanuja and BVB Mysuru Vice-Chairman K.B. Ganapathy guests of honour, BVB Mysuru Chairman Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy presides, Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **5 pm.**

Kala Sandesha Prathishtana: Kalabhivardhana-2020, a season of Indian Arts Veneration, conferring of 'Tatva Nidhi' award on scholar Dr. Bannanje Govindaacharya, Dr. Aralumallige Parthsarathy, Founder, Global Vishnusahasranama Sathsung Federation, inaugurates, Gamaki and Award Presentation Committee President Vid. K. Ramachandra presides, **5.30 pm;** Dance Feature 'Vishwamitra Gayatri' by K. Sandesh Bhargav and students, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Ganabharathi and Devagitam Charitable Trust: Haridasa and Tyagaraja Aradhane, Vid. Sriram Bhat - vocal, Vid. Keshav - violin, Vid. Kumaraswamy - mridanga, **5.30 pm;** Vidu. R.N. Srilatha - vocal, Vidu. Veena Suresh - violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan - mridanga, **6.15 pm;** Vid. Srinath - vocal, Vid. C.A. Nataraj - violin, Vid. P. Nataraj - mridanga, **7 pm;** Vidu. Koviladi R. Kala and Vidu. Archana - vocal, Vidu. Veena Suresh - violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan - mridanga, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **7.45 pm to 8.30.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Rishi Ideal for Modern Society,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Mysore Open Forum: Talk on '*The Constitution and Culture Conflict*' by Prof. M. Umapathy, former Chairman, Department of Political Science, University of Mysore; Kalpa Kshetra auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **6 pm.**

Vividh Educational and Cultural Trust and Sarvajna Samskrutika Pratishtana: Manthana-8 Sahitya Chintakara Chavadi, Interaction on 'Kuvempu-Vaicharika Vyaktitva, special lecture by Dr. H.S. Satyanarayana, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna will be present, Trust premises, No. 80, 3rd Cross, Aishwaryanagar, Kuvempunagar 'N' Block, **5 pm to 7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 26)

University of Mysore, International Centre: FISA-M Water Sports Day, University Swimming Pool, Saraswathipuram, **7 am.**

University of Mysore: Inauguration of the new building of Ladies Hostel of Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences and e-Cart vehicles by Yaduveer KC Wadiyar, Varsity VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, Ladies Hostel, Opp. Fire Brigade Office, **8.30 am** and e-Cart Vehicle near Kuvempu Statue, Mansagangothri, **8.45 am.**

Mysore District Chess Association: Open Chess Championship, Lions Club Hall, opposite Oval Grounds, **9 am.**

Ananthageetha Vidyalaya: Chinnara Mela - Science & Craft Fair, School premises, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **9.30 am.**

Kowshika Sankethi Sangha: Amrita Mahotsava and inauguration of newly-built B.K. Narayanarao Memorial Boys Hostel, University of Mysore Evening College retired Sanskrit Professor Dr. B. Channakeshava, chief guest, Sangha President M.N. Anantha presides, writer Dr. K. Anantharamu, special invitee, Hostel premises, No. 2817/1, Jayanagar, **9.30 am.**

Nanjaraja Bahaddur Education Charity Fund Boarding Home and Srirama Seva Ursu Mandali: Special General Body meeting, Mandali Auditorium, No. 1500/62, 3rd Cross, KR Vanam, **10 am.**

Ganabharathi and Devagitam Charitable Trust: Haridasa and Tyagaraja Aradhane, Haridasotsava, Sri Thyagaraja Pancharatna Goshti gayana, **10 am to 11.30 am;** Vocal - Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra, Harmonium - Vid. Venkatesh, Tabla - Vid. Bheemashankar Bidanur, **11.30 am to 12.15 pm;** Vocal - Vidu. Srimathidevi, Harmonium - Deepak Nagannavar, Tabla - Vid. Bheemashankar, **12.15 pm to 1 pm;** Vocal - Vidu. M.A. Jyothi, Violin - Vid. M.D. Arjun, Mridanga - Vid. Ravichandra, **1.45 pm to 2.30 pm;** Vocal - Vidu. Sanjana Kaushik, Harmonium - Vid. Deepak Nagannavar, Tabla - Pt. Parameshwar Hegde, **2.30 pm to 3.15 pm:** Vocal - Vidu. Dr. Padamavathy Narasimhan, Violin - Vidu. Yashaswi, Mridanga - Vid. M.R. Manjunath, **3.15 pm to 4 pm:** Vocal - Vidu. G. Pushpalatha, Harmonium - Vid. Deepak Nagannavar, Tabla - Vid. Bheemashankar, **4 pm to 4.45 pm:** Vocal - Vidu. M.R. Sudha, Violin - Vid. C.N. Thyagaraju, Mridanga - Vid. Saishivu Lakshmikeshav, **5 pm to 5.45 pm:** Vocal - Dr. M.S. Bhaskar, Harmonium - Vid. Srirambhat, Tabla - Vid. Ramesh Dhanur, **5.45 pm to 6.30 pm:** Vocal - Vidu. Sukanya Prabhakar, Violin - Vid. H.K. Narashimha Murthy, Mridanga - Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm:** Vocal - Pt. Nitin Rajaramshastry, Harmonium - Pt. Srirambhat, Tabla - Pt. Ramesh Dhannur, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Samanathe-Swabhiman-Swavalambane Pratishtana: Releasing of the book '*V. Sreenivasa Prasad: Navu Kandante*' (authored by religious, cultural and other thinkers), litterateur Prof. C.P. Krishnakumar releases the book, Political thinker Prof. Chambi Puranik of Bengaluru delivers keynote address, litterateur Dr. Ramzan Darga of Dharwad speaks on the book, felicitation to Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad, book editors KIKS Director Prof. N.M. Talwar and Dr. Mulluru Nanjundaswamy will be present, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**

Dakshina Kannadigara Okkuta, BEML Ltd: Silver jubilee celebrations, prize distribution and valedictory of Karavali Inter-Association Men's Cricket and Women's Throwball Tournament, Okkuta President Janardhan presides, Police Training School Principal Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works MD Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Bunts Sangha President T. Prabhakar Shetty and others chief guests, Football grounds, SJCE premises, **4 pm.**

Manjushree's Magic Steps (MMS): 33rd anniversary, former Deputy Mayor Mahadevamma inaugurates, Corporator G. Roopa, chief guest, Manjushree award ceremony, dance programme by Manjushree kids, Jaganmohan Palace, **5 pm to 10 pm.**

Natana School of Theatre Arts: Staging of the Kannada play '*Chora Charanadasa*', scripted by Habib Tanvir and directed by Actor Mandya Ramesh, Theatre School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm**.

Rangayana: Vijayapura-based theatre artiste Shakeel Ahmed enacts a drama monologue titled 'For a bite of food', Bhoomigeetha, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Kala Sandesha Prathishtana: Kalabhivardhana-2020, a season of Indian Arts Veneration, An interaction on 'Bharatiya Samskrtuti mattu Kale' Dr. Jyothi Shankar from Mysuru and Aadarsha Gokale from Karkala, resource persons, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS ON MONDAY (JAN. 27)

Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru: *Sangeethotsava* - In memory of Asthana Vidwan of Mysore Palace, Mridanga Vidwan M.R. Rajappa, the 10th Annual M.R. Rajappa Memorial Music Concert, State Sangeetha Vidwan Awardee and Music Scholar Prof. B.S. Vijayaraghavan inaugurates, Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple Founder Dr. Bhashyam Swamiji presides, danseuse Vidu. Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, art patron Prof. Ramprasad, Noopura Nrityalaya President Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works MD Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Kannada & Culture Assistant Director H. Chennappa and others chief guests, felicitation to Dr. B.S. Vijayaraghavan, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Prof. Ramprasad, Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, M.R. Ravindra, Vid. M.R. Sainath, H. Chennappa, Nirmala and R. Raghu Kautilya, **5.30 pm;** violin concert by violinists Vid. Dr. Manjunath and M. Karthik accompanied by Vid. Dr. M.R. Hanumantharaju on mridanga, Vid. M.R. Chandrashekar on ghata, Vid M.R. Manjunath on khanjira, Vid. M.S. Jayaram on tabla and Vid. R. Dasappa on morching, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **6.15 pm.**

Pandit Taranath Foundation and Sri Guru Puttaraja Sangeetha Sabha: Sarod recital by Steve Oda (disciple of Ustad Ali Akbar Khan & Pt. Rajeev Taranath) accompanied by Bheemashankar Bidanur on tabla and SGP Vidyalaya Students on Group Tabla, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, **6 pm.**

Samskruthi: Ranga Siri - one day Rangotsava, Rangayana Director Addanda Cariappa inaugurates, theatre persons H.S. Ramesh and Prasannakumar Keregoodu, chief guests, Samskruthi President Dr. Bhubaneshwari presides, flute recital by Murali Shringeri, **6.30 pm;** Staging of the play 'Kadmans', Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7.30 pm.**

R-DAY EVENTS

Directorate of Student Welfare, University of Mysore: 71st Republic Day Celebrations, Hoisting of National Flag by Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, in front of Crawford Hall, **7.30 am.**

Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions: Flag hoisting by Institutions President B.S. Parthasarathy, Bapu Satyanarayana, retired Chief Engineer, chief guest, Sports Auditorium, Institution premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **8 am.**

Marimalappa Educational Institutions: Flag hoisting and cultural programmes, Litterateur Dr. Kabinale Vasanth Bharadwaj, chief guest, Institutions Hon. President N. Paramashivaiah presides, Hon. Secretary Prof. K.N. Panchakasharaswamy will be present, college premises, Sita Vilasa Road, **8.30 am.**

Karnataka State Dr.Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University: Hoisting of National Flag by in-charge VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, University premises, JLB Road, **8.30 am.**

Kautilya Vidyalaya: Dr. N.S. Ramegowda, former Vice-Chancellor, KSOU, chief guest, R. Raghu, Chairman of the Institution, presides, cultural events on patriotism by students, Kautilya Vidyalaya premises, Dattagalli, **8.30 am.**

District Administration: Hoisting of National Flag by District in-charge Minister V. Somanna, Mayor Tasneem Bano, ZP CEO Parimala Shyam and others will be present, Torch Light Parade Grounds, Bannimantap, **9 am.**

Mysuru District and City Freedom Fighters Association: Hoisting of flag by A.P. Nagesh of Sri Mahalakshmi Sweets and Bheema Properties, Corporator Prameela Bharath, chief guest, Association President Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy presides, Freedom Fighters Park, Subbarayana Kere premises, **11 am**.

The Heritage Club: R-Day celebrations, distribution of Pratibha Puraskara and prizes, MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaj and MUDA in-charge Executive Engineer B.N. Girish, chief guests, Club President Dr. S. Marigowda presides, Club auditorium, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, **6.30 pm.**

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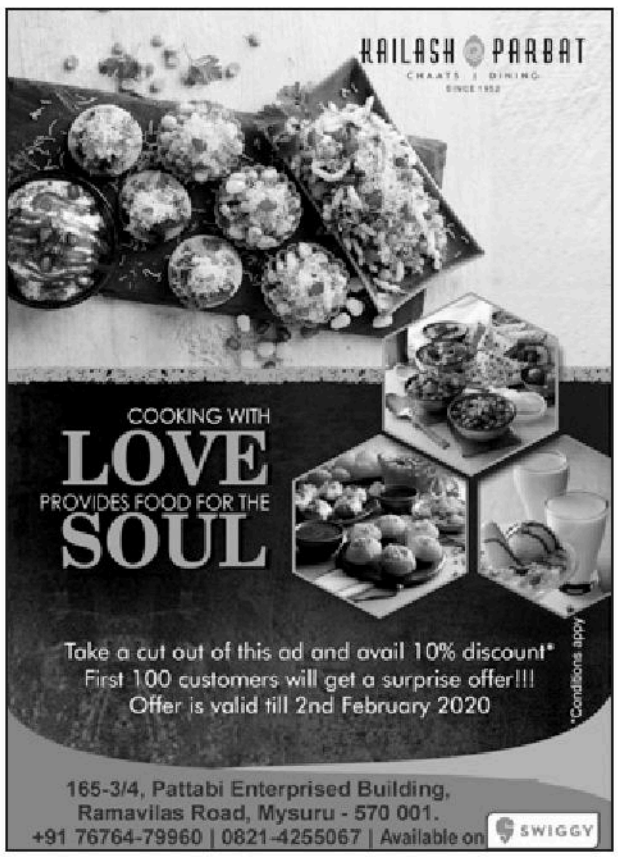
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